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Re: U.S. Utility Application No. 09/206,040 Art Unit: 2833
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For: Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other Molecules Associated
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Inventors: Joseph R. BYRUM *et al.*
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) are the following documents:

1. Response (with 4 accompanying documents);
2. Declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132;
3. Petition for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 (in duplicate);
4. Our Check No. 333826 in the amount of \$380.00 to cover the fee for a 2-month extension of time; and
5. Return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time, other than those provided herewith, are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 08-3038. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Sincerely,

David R. Marsh (Reg. No. 41,408)

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